THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Government is aware of reports of fugitive terrorists, narcotic smugglers, criminals accused of economic offences, arms smuggling etc. staying in UAE and other countries.

(c) and (d) Seeking extradition of such terrorists/criminals wherever their presence is confirmed in a country is an on-going process. The issue is taken up with different countries through our Embassies as per the provisions of extradition treaties.

Recently, the authorities of United Arab Emirates (UAE) deported to India two individuals responsible for attack on the American Cultural Center in Kolkata, without insisting on time-consuming procedures of extradition, which was very much in line with the requirements of the international fight against terrorism.

USA's offer to help the relatives of victims killed in American Centre attack in Kolkata

3264. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Government has offered to help relatives of cops killed in American Centre attack in Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to ensure that the next of kin of victims killed while guarding the American Centre are benefited by the offer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Investigation conducted by FBI in India

3265. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Federal Bureau of Investigation can conduct investigation into offences committed in India, if so, what are the parameters in this regard;

(b) the number of officers and staff Federal Bureau of Investigation has in India; and

(c) whether Government of India gives clearance/permission before such staff is posted in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The legal Attache Office in the Embassy of United State in New Delhi is manned by two FBI officers. They can not carry out independent investigations into offences committed in India. The posting of such officers to India is done as per the standard diplomatic procedures for posting and accreditation of diplomatic officials of foreign missions in India.

Generation of Power through Bio-Mass

3266. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any Plan for generation of energy/power through bio-mass;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the target fixed for power generation through bio-mass during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any subsidy is being given to manufacturers of bio-mass gasification kits and also for consumers who buy these kits; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is emplementing programmes on bio-mass power generation, bagasse cogeneration and bio-mass gasification. A capacity of 432 MW has so far been installed under these programmes. During the Ninth Plan, Central Financial Assistance was provided in the form of capital subsidy or interest subsidy depending on the type of project. Other promotional incentives were also available for development of projects, capacity building awareness creation, etc.

(c) and (d) Targets of 1000 MW for bio-mass power and cogeneration projects, and 160 MW for bio-mass gasification projects, have been proposed for the Tenth Plan.